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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number. Attorney Docket Number 3006-1772 **DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR** First Named Inventor Thomas A. Osborne, et al. **DESIGN** COMPLETE IF KNOWN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63) **Application Number** September 16, 2005 Filing Date Declaration Declaration Submitted after **Art Unit** Submitted Initial Filing With Initial OR (surcharge 37 CFR Filing **Examiner Name** 1.16 (e) required) I hereby declare that: Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name. I believe that the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: VASCULAR VALVE WITH REMOVABLE SUPPORT COMPONENT 05/05/2006 (KAYPRSH 00000133 10549437 01 FC:1617 130,00 GF (Title of the Invention) The specification of which is attached hereto as United States Application Number or PCT International 03/17/2004 was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable). and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) PCT/US04/008176 **Application Number** I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation in-part-applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. Certified Copy Attached? **Priority** Foreign Filing Date **Prior Foreign Application Not Claimed** No (MM/DD/YYYY) Yes Country Number(s) 03/17/2004 PCT PCT/US2004/008176 Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto. I hereby claim the benefit under U35 USC 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below. Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) Application Number(s) Additional provisional application 03/17/2003 60/455,241 numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet 07/31/2003 60/491,490 PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

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